

CHAPTER NO. 638

SENATE BILL NO. 2178

By Burks, Person

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2648

By McMillan, Odom, Sherry Jones, Langster

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to orders of protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-609, is amended by deleting the second sentence and by substituting instead the following:

If the respondent is a resident of Tennessee, then the officer serving the order of protection shall read the order to the respondent; however, if the respondent is not a resident of Tennessee, then the order of protection shall be served upon the respondent by mail in the manner as set forth in §§ 20-2-215 and 20-2-216.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-604(b)(3), such subsection being the form for an Order of Protection, is amended by deleting the following language from the CERTIFICATE:

Served on the respondent by personally reading the order to the respondent and by leaving a copy of the order with the respondent on the _____ day of _____, 20__, _____m.

and by substituting instead the following language:

Served on the respondent, a resident of Tennessee, by personally reading the order to the respondent and by leaving a copy of the order with the respondent, on the _____ day of _____, 20__, _____m.

OR, ALTERNATIVELY:


Served on the respondent, a non-resident of Tennessee, by mail in the manner as set forth in §§ 20-2-215 and 20-2-216, on the _____ day of _____, 20__, _____m.

SECTION 3. The Order of Protection forms in existence on the effective date of this act may continue to be used provided the change required by Section 2 of this act is made on the form prior to its use. All Order of Protection forms printed after the effective date of this act shall reflect the changes made by Section 2 of this act as well as the new century.

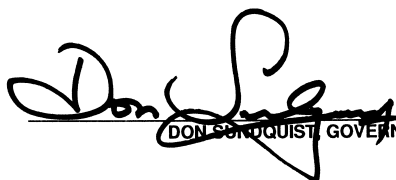
SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 3, 2000


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10th day of April 2000


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR